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FOR THE TOWN OF  
HALIFAX, VERMONT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING



FEBRUARY 15, 1897.



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# AUDITORS' REPORT.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. WEEKS, Treasurer, in account with the town of Halifax,  
February 15, 1896.

	Dr.
Cash on hand,	\$ 305 12
Error in warrant fees, 1895,	4 50
Due on tax bill of 1894,	32 30
"            1895,	631 43
Fox bounties,	3 60
Huntington fund,	26 75
Fine and costs,	12 45
E. G. Woodard, dog damage,	4 00
Cash from selectmen,	1,000 00
Surplus dog fund,	53 10
O. J. Hale, rent of school land,	12 14
C. H. Phelps, "                    "	9 35
Walter Phelps, "                  "	1 82
N. H. Spencer, "                  "	16 62
State school tax,	368 69
Highway tax,	485 44
G. L. Clark, old schoolhouse,	4 50
Town of Whitingham, tuition,	3 00
G. Burnett, "                      "	4 32
Overseer of poor, sale of Lucius Worden effects,	5 29

Tax bill, 175 cents on the dollar,	\$3,726 00
Selectmen for old bridge timber,	1 50
Warrant fees on 105 delinquents,	5 25
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	\$6,718 17

Due from Geo. S. Perry, rent of school land,	\$2 33
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	Cr.
Discount to tax payers,	\$ 114 55
Treasurer's 1 per cent for collecting,	28 63
Warrant fees on 105 names,	5 25
Paid 6 fox bounties,	3 60
Road commissioner's orders,	1,793 06
School orders,	2,399 16
Overseer of poor,	319 66
Selectmen,	1,141 92
Abatements on list of 1894,	7 00
"    1895,	4 99
"    1896,	1 75
Dog orders,	8 25
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	\$5,827 82

### ASSETS.

Due on tax bill of 1894,	\$ 21 49
"    1895,	30 00
"    1896,	609 11
6 fox bounties,	3 60
Cash on hand,	226 15
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	\$890 35

## OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

### Selectmen's orders:

1 order of 1892 for	\$ 103 67	
2    "    1895 amounting to	600 00	
5    "    1896            "	1,201 00	
6    "    1897            "	231 08	
	<hr/>	\$2,135 75

### Road Commissioner's:

8 orders of 1896 amounting to	\$218 40	
3    "    1897            "	55 08	
	<hr/>	273 48

### School Directors':

6 orders of 1896 amounting to	\$157 84	
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		\$2,567 07

Unsettled claims estimated at \$125.00.

Number of orders by the school directors, 104, amounting to	\$2,364 63
Number of orders drawn by selectmen, 73, amounting to	2,294 88
Number of orders drawn by overseer of poor, 20, amounting to	319 38
Number of orders drawn by road commissioner, 172, amounting to	1,691 67
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Total,	\$6,670 56

## TOWN OFFICERS.

### SELECTMEN.

L. W. Sumner,	\$20 25
C. Higley,	11 00
E. B. Green,	2 25

## LISTERS.

D. E. Tucker,	\$16 50
O. B. Dix,	14 25
I. L. Hall,	16 50

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

Geo. L. Clark,	24 00
E. F. Evans,	19 00
L. J. Fowler,	13 50

## OVERSEER OF POOR.

George P. Worden,	12 00
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## GRAND JUROR.

E. S. Cook,	2 00
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## ROAD COMMISSIONER.

A. A. Fairbanks,	160 00
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## CONSTABLE.

F. T. Miner,	6 50
Town Treasurer,	10 00
Town Clerk,	7 00

## AUDITORS.

Frank Worden, 4 days,	6 00
R. J. Phillips, 5 days,	7 50

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\$348 25

## ACCOUNT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Order No.

1. Geo. P. Worden, flour, pork and meal furnished Kenney family,	\$ 7 40
2. O. P. Hubbard, clothing furnished Dexter Morgan,	3 70

3. Geo. L. Clark, flour, cloth, 2 pair shoes, overalls and meal furnished Kenney family,	\$ 6 65
4. E. M. Goodenough, pork for Kenney family,	4 06
5. Albert Burnett, keeping Mrs. Dunahin,	4 32
6. O. P. Hubbard, keeping Dexter Morgan from April 1 to October 1, 1896,	25 00
7. Geo. M. Scott, care of J. Elsworth from June 18 to October 10, 1896,	28 75
8. E. P. Green, care of J. Elsworth from June 18 to October 10, 1896,	29 75
9. Joel Davis, keeping Fred Davis,	7 00
10. Geo. P. Worden, cloth and making shirts for L. Worden,	3 00
11. E. J. Worden, keeping L. Worden from May 7 to May 28, 1896,	9 00
12. F. M. Goodenough, from May 28 to Oct. 31, 1896,	67 00
13. O. F. Gates, keeping Elsworth from Oct. 10 to Dec. 19, 1896,	41 00
14. Geo. P. Worden, funeral expenses of L. Worden, digging grave, \$3, hearse, \$2, minister, \$5,	10 00
15. D. G. Taylor, casket,	20 00
16. O. F. Gates, keeping Elsworth to date, Jan. 22, 1897,	21 00
17. O. B. Hescock, provisions furnished Kenney family,	4 05
18. M. Weeks, pork for Kenney family,	1 20
19. O. P. Hubbard, keeping Dexter Morgan from Oct. 1, 1895, to April 1, 1896,	25 00
20. F. B. Johnson, M. D., medical attendance, Fred Davis,	1 50
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	\$319 38

Received of town of Marlboro \$4.32, which I paid to M. Weeks, town treasurer,	\$ 4 32
Received from sale of L. Worden's goods, \$18, money in his pock- etbook, \$4.29,	\$22 29
Frank Montague, care of L. Worden in last illness,	\$13 00
Dr. Garrison, medical attendance, L. Worden,	4 00 —— 17 00
Leaving a balance of \$5.29, which I paid to M. Weeks, town treasurer,	5 29
Expenses for Mary L. Woodard:	
L. S. Page, visit and examination,	7 00
F. B. Johnson,                   “	5 00
Geo. M. Scott, carrying to Retreat, and at- tending court of inquiry,	6 00
Frank Worden, 1-2 day in regard to the ex- amination, and 2 days in regard to the court of inquiry,	3 75
L. W. Sumner, 1-2 day to see Mr. Wood- ard about the case, and 1-2 day at exam- ination,	1 50
C. H. Higley, 1-2 day at examination, 1 day at probate office, 1 day carrying her to Retreat, 1-2 day making arrangements, 1 day attending court of inquiry, car- riage to carry her to Retreat,	6 50
Money paid out on the case,	12 10
	<hr/> \$41 85

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

F. Herbert Worden, making returns of births and deaths,	\$ 3 00
A. C. Jones, surveying roads in 1895,	2 50



F. H. Miller, printing reports,	\$ 30 55
Horace Smith, damages on sluiceway in 1895,	10 00
R. J. Legate, damages on sluiceway in 1896,	4 00
Frank Wordem, administrator Almon Ballou estate, cash,	1,000 00
H. F. Field, state treasurer, state school tax,	114 12
State highway tax,	114 12
State tax,	91 29
Geo. S. Dowley, county treasurer, county tax,	22 82
F. L. Woodard, observance of Memorial day,	25 00
Millard Weeks, election printing and tax re- ceipts,	13 00
Wilmington Savings bank, interest,	30 00
Millard Weeks, error in H. Fowler's tax in '95,	3 44
Frank Worden, administrator A. Ballou estate, interest on order No. 38, 1892,	24 88
L. J. Fowler, making returns of 7 births and 10 deaths,	2 55
M. Powers, care of hearse and attending six funerals,	9 00
F. T. Miner, election fees and fixing hall,	6 50
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	\$1,506 77

### SUMMARY OF CURRENT EXPENSES.

Town officers,	\$ 348 25
Support of poor,	361 23
Bridges,	329 29
Highways,	1,691 67
Dog damages,	10 25
Schools, building and repairing,	2,364 63
Outstanding claims, estimated,	125 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,506 77
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	\$6,737 09

## BRIDGES.

## GORE BRIDGE.

W. W. Whitney, timber,	\$67 80	
F. P. Prouty, labor,	7 00	
A. F. Prouty,     "	6 00	
V. C. Warren,     "	4 50	
Frank Worden,    "	17 00	
L. W. Sumner,     "	18 00	
"         nails, teams, etc.,	3 20	
A. A. Hill, labor,	13 50	
C. H. Higley,     "	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$141 50

## HOUGHTON BRIDGE.

W. B. Warren, timber and plank,	6 29	
W. W. Whitney,     "	10 88	
W. H. Houghton, labor,	5 25	
A. A. Hill,         "	7 50	
Frank Worden,     "	7 00	
L. W. Sumner,     "	10 00	
"         team, drawing timber,	3 00	
W. E. Clark, bridge irons,	2 00	
	<hr/>	51 92

## BRIDGE BY THE ELLINGWOOD PLACE.

V. C. Warren, labor and timber,	2 50
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## BRIDGE BY THE DEER PARK.

W. H. Houghton, planking bridge,	1 50
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## BRIDGE BY C. FARNUM'S.

O. F. Gates, labor and stringers,	9 50	
C. Farnum,         "	3 30	
	<hr/>	12 80

## BRIDGE BY ROBERT'S FLAT.

C. H. Higley, labor,	\$2 75	
F. B. Stone, timber,	1 99	
L. W. Sumner, labor,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6 74

## HAGER BROOK BRIDGE.

C. H. Higley, labor, planking and fixing,	6 50
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## OTHER BRIDGES.

I. H. Worden, timber and labor,	4 50
E. B. Green, labor,	2 50
C. E. Thurber, plank and labor,	5 46
C. H. Phelps, " "	6 35
Emory Whitney, labor,	1 25
C. E. Prouty, plank,	4 03
Stone & Clark, "	4 69
F. B. Stone, "	42 61
" labor,	3 00
W. B. Warren, plank,	13 87
" labor,	1 00
L. W. Sumner, plank,	13 87
" labor,	2 70

Amounting to	<hr/>	\$329 29
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## BRIDGE ORDERS DRAWN.

Order No.

10.	W. W. Whitney, timber,	\$ 7 80
11.	"	30 00
12.	"	30 00
13.	W. H. Houghton, timber and labor,	1 50
14.	F. P. Prouty, labor on Gore bridge,	7 00
15.	A. F. Prouty, "	6 00

16.	V. C. Warren, labor,	\$ 7 00
17.	O. F. Gates, labor and timber,	9 50
18.	C. Farnum,     "	3 30
19.	W. H. Houghton, labor,	5 25
20.	F. B. Stone, plank,	13 00
21.	C. H. Worden, labor and timber,	4 50
22.	C. E. Prouty, plank,	4 03
23.	E. Whitney, labor,	1 25
24.	W. W. Whitney, lumber,	10 88
25.	A. A. Hill, labor,	21 00
28.	C. H. Phelps, plank and labor,	6 35
29.	Stone & Clark, plank,	4 69
36.	E. B. Green, labor,	2 70
38.	W. B. Warren, plank and labor,	21 16
39.	C. E. Thurber,     "	5 46
46.	C. H. Higley,     "	9 25
47.	L. W. Sumner, labor and cash,	38 35
52.	W. E. Clark, bridge irons,	2 00
54.	F. B. Stone, plank and labor,	34 60
56.	Frank Worden, labor,	24 00
57.	C. H. Higley,     "	4 50
60.	L. W. Sumner, plank and labor,	15 89
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		\$330 96

### ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Derrick Harris,	32 2-10 days,	\$49 20
"	31 9-10     " team, \$2 per	
	day,	63 80
E. M. Goodenough,	40 days, 9 1-2 hours,	61 42
"	6     "     1 1-2     " team,	9 23
Harry Learnard,	8     "	12 00
C. M. Farnum,	2     "	3 00
H. E. Learnard,	12 3-4 days,	18 00
"	11 3-4     " team,	17 40

E. B. Green,	1 1-2 days,	\$ 2 25
E. P. Green,	1 1-2 "	2 25
C. Prouty,	7 3-10 " team,	10 95
D. S. Worden,	3 1-2 "	5 25
O. B. Dix,	3 4-5 "	5 70
"	17 1-2 hours, team,	2 63
Andrew Worden,	1 day,	1 50
"	4-5 day, team,	1 20
Henry Bell,	3 1-10 days,	4 65
"	9-10 day, team,	1 35
Emerson French,	2 days,	3 00
"	2 1-3 days, team,	3 50
Cash for powder and fuse,		85
L. J. Brown,	4 1-5 days,	6 30
Frank Legate,	3 3-10 "	4 95
Frank Hill,	19 2-5 "	29 10
A. K. Powers,	8 7-10 "	13 05
Fred Davis,	1 "	1 50
W. E. Thurber,	4 2-5 "	6 60
Ralph Winn,	2 "	3 00
L. E. French,	4 4-5 "	7 05
E. S. Cook,	11 "	16 50
"	2 1-2 " team,	3 75
R. J. Phillips,	4 "	6 00
"	1 " team,	1 50
W. W. Winn,	5 " 8 1-2 hours,	8 78
"	1 " team,	1 50
Frank Griffin,	4 2-3 "	7 00
"	1 1-2 " team,	2 25
"	broken tools,	50
Francis Woodard,	2 1-2 days,	3 75
Ernest Bickford,	2 "	3 00
Horace Stowe,	3 "	4 50
"	1 "	1 50
C. S. Bickford,	5 1-10 "	7 65
G. A. Chase, Jr.,	1-2 " team,	75

G. A. Chase,	2 1-5 days,	\$ 3 30
“	1-2 “ team,	75
Charles Martin,	3 “	4 50
H. Fuller,	10 “	15 00
“ , lumber,		75
Addison Eames,	2 days,	3 00
Nelson Jolivett,	1 “	1 50
W. C. Niles,	9 “	13 50
“	2 1-2 “ team,	3 75
W. Whitney,	10 2-3 “	16 00
“	2-3 “ team,	1 00
W. H. Houghton,	16 “ 2 1-3 hours,	24 35
“	4 1-2 “ team,	6 75
“	fuse,	80
A. J. Kenney,	9 days,	13 50
“	1-2 “ team,	75
Elroy Kenney,	13 3-5 “	19 40
“	1 1-2 “ team,	75
O. F. Wilson,	9 2-5 “	14 10
“	1 1-2 “ team,	2 25
Chas. Whipple,	7 “	10 50
Ed Thayer,	4 “	6 00
W. DeWolfe,	2 “ 7 1-2 hours,	4 13
O. Johnson,	4 1-2 “	5 25
Ernest Covey,	4 “	6 00
Emery Whitney,	8 1-3 “	12 50
“	5 “ team,	7 50
“	broken plow,	2 00
Zora Whitney,	8 1-3 days,	12 50
“	2 2-3 “ team,	4 00
Arthur Perry,	5 “	7 50
H. E. Weatherhead,	1 “	1 50
Bert	7 “	10 50
“	“ 1-2 “ team,	75
Albert Thurber,	2 1-2 “	3 75
H. E. Morton,	3 “	4 50



A. H. Rider,	2	days,	\$ 3 00
D. E. Tucker,	4 7-10	"	7 05
Charles Baxter,	8 9-10	"	13 35
Henry Rider,	10 1-3	"	15 50
P. Crosier,	3	"	4 50
"	3	" team,	4 50
Elliot Stanley,	2 3-10	"	3 45
H. E. Learnard,	9 2-5	"	13 70
John Farnum,	1	"	1 50
Chas. Clark,	8 1-2	"	12 75
"	5	" team,	7 50
O. P. Hubbard,	4	"	6 00
Ed Niles,	4-5	"	1 20
"	4-5	" team,	1 20
Lewis Sumner,	5	" 3 1-2 hours,	8 02
B. F. Roberts,	2	" 4 1-3 "	3 65
E. O. Preston,	2	" 4 1-2 "	3 68
C. C. Bell,	1-2	"	75
Geo. P. Worden,	4 3-10	"	12 45
Geo. Barber,	3	"	4 50
"	3 2-3	"	5 50
C. Higley,	2	"	3 00
G. Burrows,	6 1-3	"	9 50
"	1	" team,	1 50
Walter Hubbard,	3 1-3	"	5 50
"	1	" team,	1 50
"	3	" on road machine,	6 00
"		broken tools,	1 00
S. Niles,	1	"	1 50
Willie Lane,	2	"	3 00
Oscar Pike,	3	"	4 50
"	1-2	" team,	75
Allen Bolster,	3 1-3	"	5 00
Haden Worden,	2	"	3 00
S. H. Worden,	5 1-5	"	7 80
"	3 4-4	" team,	5 70

Chas. Thurber,	8	days, 9 2-3 hours,	\$13 45
L. J. Fowler,	7 1-5	"	10 80
"	3 4-5	" team,	5 70
Joseph Worden,	3	" 2 1-2 hours,	4 87
O. F. Gates,	3	"	4 50
F. N. Sprague,	1 1-2	"	2 25
N. H. Spencer,	1	"	1 50
Chas. Phelps,	6	"	9 00
"	2	" team,	3 00
O. J. Hale,	5 2-5	"	8 10
"	2	" team,	3 00
F. P. Prouty,	6 3-5	"	9 90
"	3	" 7 2-3 hours, team,	5 65
A. F. Prouty,	6	"	9 00
"	1 1-2	" team,	2 25
John Galvin,	9 3-10	"	13 95
"	1 1-2	" team,	2 25
O. B. Hescok,	2 4-5	"	4 20
"	2 3-10	" team,	3 45
W. B. Warren,	1 9-10	"	2 85
"	9-10	" team,	1 35
V. C. Warren,	2	" 6 2-3 hours,	4 00
"		stone for bank wall,	3 00
Will Hubbard,	3	" 8 1-2 hours,	5 77
Wm. Wheeler,	2	"	3 00
Wm. Holmes,	9	"	13 50
John Vaughan,	2	"	3 00
Ralph Harris,	1	"	1 50
L. E. Ormsbee,	4	" 2 "	6 20
D. D. Pratt,	1	" 8 "	2 70
Myron Crosier,	3	" 2 1-2 "	4 88
"	1-2	" team,	75
	1	" 3 hours, self	
		and team on road machine,	3 80
Will Hubbard,	3	days, 8 1-2 hours,	5 77
Frank Stone,	1	"	1 50

E. E. Guild,	1	day, 8 hours,	\$ 2 70
W. W. Stowe,	1	"	1 50
"		lumber,	1 50
I. L. Hall,	3	days,	4 50
T. Bottomley,	1	"	1 50
Henry Pease,	4	" 3 "	6 45
"		8 hours, team,	1 20
Henry Legate,	5	days, 6 hours,	8 40
"	1	" 8 " team,	2 70
Elmer Prouty,	9	"	13 50
"	2	" team,	3 00
Hosea Fisher,	1	" 5 hours,	2 25
Frank Brigham,	5	" 5 "	8 25
"		50 feet plank,	50
E. F. Evans,	6	days, 2 hours,	9 30
"		8 hours, team,	1 20
H. B. Brown,	6	days, 1 2-3 hours,	9 25
"		8 hours, team,	3 00
Francis Kingsley,	4	hours,	60
M. V. Standclift,	1 1-5	"	1 80
Will Dennison,	2	"	3 00
"	1	" team,	1 50
Chas. Shepardson, gravel for Green River road,			5 00

\$1.50 per day except where noted.

#### A. A. FAIRBANKS, WORK ON HIGHWAY.

62	1-2 days, \$2.00 per day,	\$125 00
2	" giving orders,	4 00
36	" \$2 per day, team,	72 00
15	" 9 hours, \$1.50 per day, team,	23 85
15	" 7 hours, man,	23 55

Cash paid out:

For plank,	50
Time books,	1 00
Repairs on road machine,	7 50
Powder, fuse and dynamite,	5 00

## EXPENDITURES OF STATE MONEY.

## ON ROAD NEAR SEYMOUR HARRIS'S.

A. A. Fairbanks,	11	days at \$2 per day,	\$22 00
“	13	“ team,	19 50
E. M. Goodenough,	10 7-10	“	16 05
“	10 7-10	“ team,	16 05
O. P. Hubbard,	8	“	12 00
“	5	“ team,	7 50
Will Hubbard,	11	“	16 50
“	5	“ team,	7 50
H. E. Learnard,	8 7-10	“	13 05
D. D. Pratt,	10 1-2	“	15 75
“	9 1-2	“ team,	14 25
Derrick Harris,	11	“	16 50
“	11	“ team,	16 50
Merrick Harris,	11	“	16 50
John Farnum,	10	“	15 00
Chas. Clark,	9 1-2	“ team,	14 25
“	5	“	7 50
Fred May,	4 1-2	“	6 75
John Galvin,	11	“	16 50
Henry Hayden,	2	“	3 00
R. H. Phillips,	6 9-10	“	10 35
W. W. Winn,	4 1-2	“	6 75
Lewis Sumner,	8	“	12 00
Walter Hubbard,	9	“	13 50
“	9	“	13 50
Frank Barry,	7	“	10 50
Bert Culver,	6 1-2	“	9 75
W. W. Stowe,	12 1-2	“	18 75
Joel Davis,	4	“	6 00
“	1	“ team,	1 50

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 \$375 25

## ON GREEN RIVER ROAD NEAR HOUGHTON BRIDGE.

A. A. Fairbanks,	4 1-2	days, \$2.00 per day,	\$ 9 00
“	4 1-2	“ team,	6 75
W. B. Warren,	16 1-10	“	24 15
“	6 2-5	“ team,	9 60
E. M. Goodenough,	3 3-5	“	5 40
“	3 3-5	“ team,	5 40
A. J. Kenney,	4 2-5	“	6 60
Francis Kingsley,	3 3-5	“	5 40
Carl Richford,	1	“ 3 1-2 hours,	2 03
Percy Kingsley,	3 1-10	“	4 65
Chas. Thurber,	4 1-5	“	6 30
Walter Kenney,	3 1-2	“	5 25
Frank Chase,	1 4-5	“	2 70
Elroy Kenney,	5 1-5	“	7 80
W. H. Houghton,	4	“ 2 2-3 hours,	6 40
P. Prouty,	1 4-5	“	2 70
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			\$110 13

Total expenditure of state money, \$485.38.

## DOG FUND ACCOUNT.

Number of dogs licensed, 59,	\$59 00	
Less license fees,	5 90	
	<hr/>	\$53 10

## ORDERS KILLING SHEEP AND APPRAISING DAMAGE.

	Cr.	
I. H. Worden,	\$2 00	
B. Barber,	3 00	
G. P. Worden,	3 00	
E. B. Green, appraising damage,	1 50	
L. W. Sumner, “	75	
	<hr/>	\$10 25
Balance,		\$42 85

We estimate the expense of the town for the following year to be about as follows:

Poor,	\$ 400 00
Bridges,	400 00
Town officers,	350 00
Schools,	1,900 00
Highways,	1,500 00
State taxes and incidentals,	600 00
Present indebtedness about	1,800 00
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	\$6,950 00

The available resources will be:

State highway tax about	\$490 00
State school tax,	350 00
Huntington fund,	26 75
Rent of school lands,	48 85
Resources of the treasury,	890 35
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	\$1,805 95

Leaving a balance to be provided for by taxation of	\$5,144 05
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FRANK WORDEN,	} Auditors.
R. J. PHILLIPS,	
W. B. WARREN,	



## Report of School Directors.

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The following brief report is respectfully submitted. Schools have been maintained in all districts except No. 3. Districts Nos. 4 and 5 have been consolidated, two terms being taught in No. 5 and one in No. 4. We attempted to consolidate Nos. 9 and 10 and hired Miss Charlotte Adams to teach and transport the scholars from No. 10 to No. 9, but after teaching eight weeks she was compelled to give up the school on account of poor health, and being unable to get the scholars transported we were obliged to run schools in both districts.

The tables accompanying this report show the expenses of each school and the other expenses paid by the school directors the past year.

It will be seen that the cost of schools has been about the same as last year per school. We have been obliged to have one more school this year than last, which accounts for increase in expenses.

The new schoolhouse orders should most of them have been drawn last year, but as the treasury was empty, we put off drawing the orders hoping the town would appropriate more money to meet its bills. As it has turned out it did no good except to save something on interest.

We have drawn the past year 104 orders, amounting to \$2,364.63. A part of these orders are for the current expenses of last year, the remainder will be found in the accompanying tables.

The new law passed by the last legislature compels the maintaining of 28 weeks of school in all schools maintained,

which will increase the expenses of the schools in town for the next year, \$100 or more. The No. 5 schoolhouse has got to have extensive repairs the coming season. No. 11 will have to have some repairs, No. 8 needs new shingling, and some of the others may have to have more or less repairs.

We estimate the amount required for school purposes the coming year as follows:

For schools,	\$1,900 00
“ repairs,	200 00
“ books and stationery,	50 00
“ insurance and incidentals,	50 00
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	\$2,200 00

G. L. CLARK,	}	School Directors.
E. F. EVANS,		
L. J. FOWLER,		

## CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1896-97.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Alice M. Fowler, teaching 10 weeks,	\$ 55 00
Bertha L. Fowler, teaching 16 weeks,	88 00
E. G. Woodard, fuel,	1 88
L. J. Fowler, fuel,	3 50
N. H. Shepardson, repairs,	2 55
G. L. Clark, incidentals,	55
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	\$151 48

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Mary E. Follett, teaching 10 weeks,	\$ 60 00
C. A. Ward, teaching 10 weeks,	60 00

Eunice Vail, teaching 8 weeks,	\$48 00
L. J. Fowler, fuel,	3 75
G. L. Clark, incidentals,	92
L. J. Fowler, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
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	\$173 67

## DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 5.

Edith M. Evans, teaching in No. 5, 19 weeks,	\$114 00
“ “ 4, 7 “	31 50
Mrs. Geo. Barber, boarding teacher 7 “	10 50
“ conveying scholars, 10 “	30 00
A. F. Prouty, “ 6 “	18 00
C. H. Evans, “ 1 “	3 00
C. S. DeWolfe, “	1 00
E. F. Evans, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
“ repairs and incidentals,	1 60
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	\$210 60

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Mary E. Wilson, teaching 28 weeks,	\$168 00
Perley E. Crosier, cleaning schoolhouse 3 times,	
fuel and incidentals,	5 05
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	\$173 05

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

F. Herbert Worden, teaching 28 weeks,	\$168 00
F. O. Hill, fuel,	3 60
F. Herbert Worden, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
G. L. Clark, incidentals,	19
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	\$172 79

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Addie E. Potter, teaching 26 weeks,	\$130 00
Eli S. Cook, fuel,	3 50
G. C. Hicks, fuel,	3 00
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	\$136 50

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Charlotte L. Adams, teaching and conveying scholars from No. 10 to No. 9 eight weeks,	\$ 64 00
Mary E. Follett, teaching 18 weeks,	108 00
Milton Bickford, fuel,	3 75
G. L. Clark, incidentals,	70
F. L. Woodard, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
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	\$177 45

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Mabel A. Goodenough, teaching 10 weeks,	\$37 50
Velma H. Canedy, " 8 "	44 00
W. W. Whitney, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	17 50
H. E. Morton, fuel,	3 00
W. W. Whitney, cleaning schoolhouse and re- pairs,	1 50
G. L. Clark, incidentals,	45
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	\$103 95

## DISTRICT No. 11.

Ernest F. Monroe, teaching 20 weeks,	\$80 00
Ralph P. Winn, " 6 "	36 00
W. H. Houghton, boarding teacher 20 weeks,	40 00
" fuel,	1 25
" conveying teacher,	1 00

W. H. Houghton, cleaning schoolhouse and repairs,	\$1 75
G. L. Clark, incidentals,	15
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	\$160 15

## DISTRICT No. 12.

Mary E. Harris, teaching 10 weeks,	\$35 00
Eunice Vail, " 11 "	60 50
Mary A. Spencer, " 5 "	25 00
N. H. Spencer, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	20 00
" cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
" fuel,	5 00
" repairs \$.24, broom \$.25,	49
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	\$146 99

## DISTRICT No. 13.

May E- Averill, teaching 26 weeks,	\$91 00
F. E. Carpenter, boarding teacher 26 weeks,	52 00
G. L. Clark, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
" incidentals,	53
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	\$144 53

## MISCELLANEOUS.

F. Herbert Worden, taking school census,	\$ 6 64
" clerk, and cash paid out, \$3.62,	10 00
G. L. Clark, order book,	50
Emery Whitney, wall for school grounds No. 13,	7 00
E. F. Evans, superintendent of schools,	16 25
G. L. Clark, cash paid for incidentals,	1 73
L. J. Fowler, labor, postage, etc.,	8 72

F. B. Stone, repairs on old schoolhouse No. 2,	\$ 4 50
School books and supplies,	53 64
Express on school-books,	1 65
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	\$110 63

## NEW SCHOOLHOUSE No. 2.

Lumber,	\$228 02
Other material,	61 99
Labor on building,	88 59
Freight,	5 50
Furniture and freight on same,	84 89
Grading and fencing grounds,	30 20
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	\$499 19

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Teachers' wages and board,	\$1,627 50
Transporting scholars,	68 00
Fuel,	32 73
Cleaning schoolhouses,	11 75
Repairs and incidentals,	11 18
Miscellaneous expenses,	110 63
New schoolhouse,	499 19
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Total expenditures for the year,	\$2,360 98

Received from Whitingham, tuition,	\$3 00
"    for old schoolhouse No. 2.	\$5 50
Due from W. E. Clark for lumber,	\$1 31
"    L. J. Fowler    "	\$2 25
Also due from F. B. Stone for brick, nails, etc., an unsettled account of several dollars.	



TEACHERS.										
	Term.	Length of term.	Wages per week	No. of pupils.		Average daily attendance.	Cost of Schools.	+No. of pupils attending.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by others.
No. 1.										
Alice M. Fowler,.....	1	10	\$5.50	8	6	7.2	\$151.48	11	1	3
Bertha L. Fowler,.....	2	11	5.50	11	7	8.2			0	5
Bertha L. Fowler,.....	3	5	5.50	9	6	7.9			1	4
No. 2.										
Mary E. Follett,.....	1	10	6.00	26	13	19.7	173.67	31	1	3
Charles A. Ward,.....	2	10	6.00	29	16	21.5			1	7
Eunice Vail,.....	3	8	6.00	24	15	19.1			2	6
No. 5.										
Edith M. Evans,.....	1	10	6.00	8	4	7.5	210.60	9	1	15
Edith M. Evans,.....	2	9	6.00	5	3	4.4			1	3
Edith M. Evans,.....	3	7	6.00	8	4	6.1			1	4
No. 6.										
Mary E. Wilson,.....	1	10	6.00	12	6	10.4	173.05	18	2	22
Mary E. Wilson,.....	2	8	6.00	18	12	15.6			1	4
Mary E. Wilson,.....	3	10	6.00	20	13	14.1			2	24
No. 7.										
F. Herbert Worden,.....	1	10	6.00	18	8	10.14.	172.79	26	1	23
F. Herbert Worden,.....	2	10	6.00	17	7	10.12.6			1	3
F. Herbert Worden,.....	3	8	6.00	20	11	9.17.2			0	3
No. 8.										
Addie E. Potter,.....	1	12	5.00	11	6	5.8.8	136.50	11	1	9
Addie E. Potter,.....	2	14	5.00	9	5	4.7.9			0	3
No. 9.										
Charlotte L. Adams,.....	1	8	6.00	15	8	7.10.3	177.45	15	1	2
Mary E. Follett,.....	2	10	6.00	10	6	4.7.			1	0
Mary E. Follett,.....	3	8	6.00	5	3	2.3.			0	0
No. 10.										
Mabel E. Goodenough,.....	1	10	5.50	4	1	3.3.9	103.95	1	1	7
Valma H. Canedy,.....	2	8	5.50	5	2	3.3.7			1	5
No. 11.										
Ernest F. Monroe,.....	1	10	6.00	8	3	5.6.3	160.15	9	1	8
Ernest F. Monroe,.....	2	10	6.00	9	5	4.7.			1	2
Ralph P. Winn,.....	3	6	6.00	9	6	3.6.7			1	0
No. 12.										
Mary E. Harris,.....	1	10	5.50	10	3	7.8.1	146.99	10	1	12
Eunice Vail,.....	2	11	5.00	6	3	3.4.4			1	8
Mary A. K. Spencer,.....	3	5	5.00	4	3	1.3.4			0	0
No. 13.										
E. May Averell,.....	1	10	5.50	10	3	7.8.9.	144.53	10	1	1
E. May Averell,.....	2	8	5.50	10	3	7.8.9.			0	4
E. May Averell,.....	3	8	5.50	8	3	5.6.7			1	1
		31	284			*110		151	28	190

\*Average daily attendance for the town.

†School where first registered.

L. J. FOWLER,  
Clerk of School Directors.



## School Superintendent's Report.

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In compliance with a provision of the law I have the honor to submit the following report to the town.

There have been eleven schools in session in town the past year, three of twenty-eight weeks, seven of twenty-six and one of eighteen weeks, with an attendance of 151 different pupils; average attendance of 110 pupils.

Five of the schools had the same teachers during the school year, which I consider a great advantage to the schools. These schools are better classified and the pupils have made a greater advancement in their studies, and the pupils and parents have had a greater interest, thereby increasing the average attendance. I see no reason why the same teachers should not be retained another year.

Non-attendance of the public schools is one of the most serious drawbacks that our schools have to contend with and yet our truancy law is adequate, but fails through the negligence of the officials.

Patriotism should be encouraged in all of our public schools and the good work of unfurling the flag above them should go on until the stars and stripes wave over every schoolhouse in town.

There has been commendable success in the study of the various branches pursued. I believe there has been careful and accurate teaching, and all the schools have shown an excellent degree of advancement.

The discipline of our schools has been very good, and we feel under obligations to the parents who have so generally sustained the good order and thorough discipline of the schoolroom.

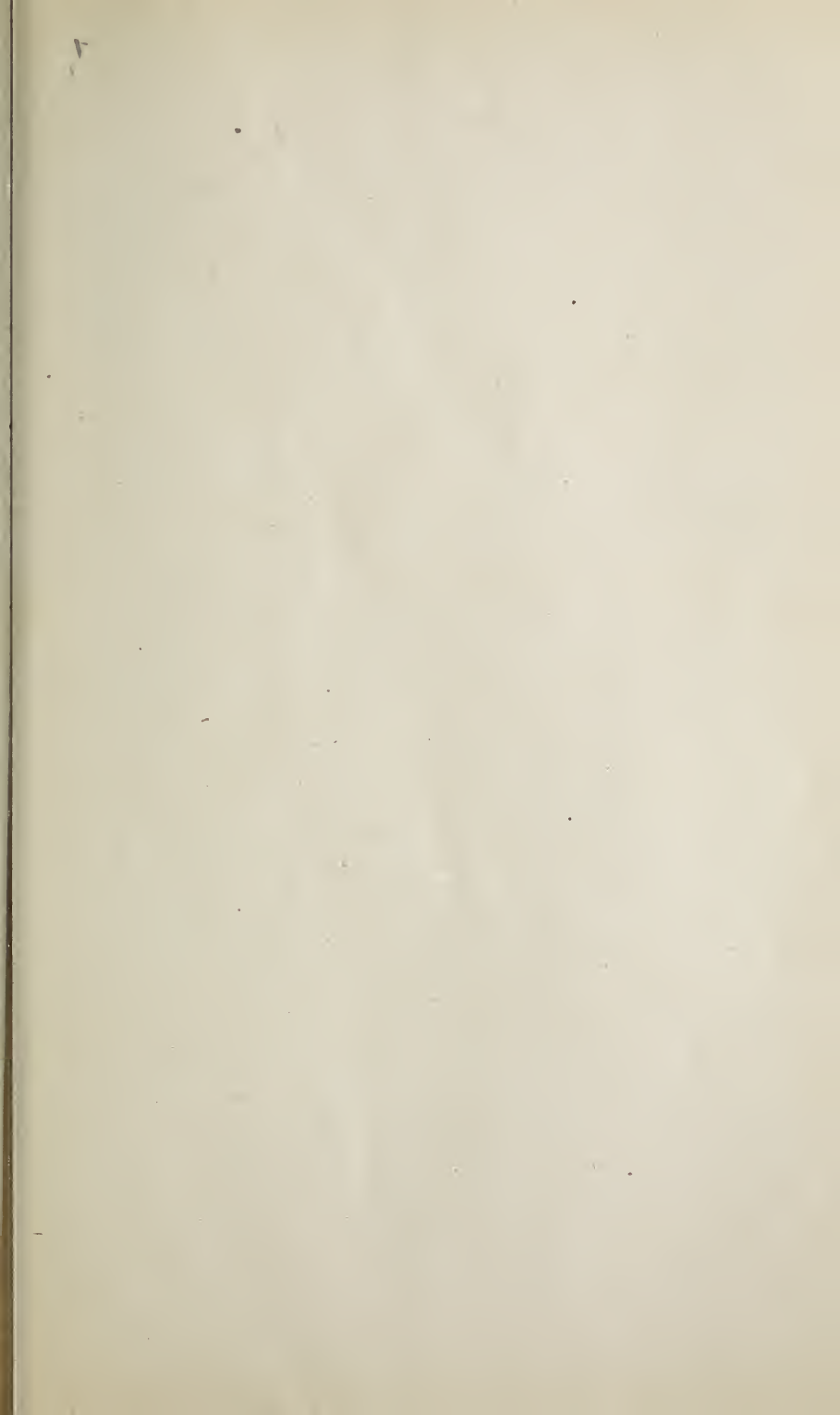
I would again call the attention of parents to the important part they are acting in relation to the welfare of our schools. It is in their power to greatly help all our teachers by sympathy, and to manifest a spirit of coöperation with them in the work of the schoolroom.

It is very easy to criticise, but it is better to exercise a helpful feeling, and if all parents would seek opportunities to help the discipline and progress of the schools greater prosperity would reward their endeavors.

E. F. EVANS,

Superintendent of Schools.

Halifax, Vt., February 15, 1897.









# Annual Town Meeting.

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The inhabitants of the town of Halifax who are legal voters in town meetings, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the usual place of holding town meetings on Tuesday, the 2d of March, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., to act on the following propositions, viz.:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in town meetings.
- 2d. To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3d. To choose two School Directors, one for two years and one for three years.
- 4th. To choose Grand and Petit Jurors to attend county court.
- 5th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any money for Charles P. Clark Post, G. A. R., for a proper observance of Memorial Day.
- 6th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money, and how much, to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes.
- 7th. To see if the town will vote to have the Treasurer collect the taxes under Sections 480 and 484 of the Vermont Statutes.
- 8th. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

L. W. SUMNER,	}	Selectmen of Halifax.
C. H. HIGLEY,		
C. B. GREEN,		

Halifax, February 17, 1897.

# Auditors' Report

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February 14, 1898.



WILMINGTON, VT.

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# Auditors' Report.

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The present grand list of the town is	\$2100 60
Amount of tax raised in 1897 on \$1.00 of grand list, \$1.75,	\$3676 05

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## Treasurer's Report.

FEBRUARY 14, 1897.

### Dr.

Cash on hand,	\$ 226 15
Due on tax bill 1894,	21 49
“ “ “ “ 1895,	30 00
“ “ “ “ 1896,	609 11
Huntington fund,	26 75
Rent school lands, O. J. Hale,	12 14
“ “ “ C. H. Phelps,	9 35
“ “ “ Walter Phelps,	1 82
“ “ “ N. H. Spencer,	16 62
George S. Perry, ('96),	2 33

Cash of selectmen,	\$ 200 00
“ “ “	500 00
State school tax,	367 78
“ highway tax,	487 38
Justice's bill, fine and costs, State vs. Plumb,	17 75
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ B. Chase	
and H. Grover, Jr.,	20 43
Tax bill,	3676 05
Dog fund,	54 30
Warrant fees on 84 delinquent tax payers,	4 20
Fox bounties,	3 60
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	\$6,287 25

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## Disbursements.

### Cr.

Paid selectmen's orders,	\$1355 42
Road commissioner's orders,	1679 08
School directors' “	1753 77
Overseer of poor,	242 95
Dog damages,	5 00
Discount to tax payers,	116 57
Abatement on list of 1894,	3 50
“ “ “ “ 1895,	5 45
“ “ “ “ 1896,	8 24
Treasurer, 1 per cent. for collecting,	29 14
Warrant on 84 delinquents,	4 20
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	\$5,203 32



## Assets.

Due on tax bill, '94, in hands of F. T. Miner,	\$ 14 50
“ “ “ “ '95, “ “ “ “ “	5 37
“ “ “ “ '96, “ “ “ “ “	31 58
“ “ “ “ '97, “ “ “ W.W. Stowe,	765 59
Treasury,	266 89
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	\$1083 93
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	\$6287 25
Due from Geo. S. Perry, rent school land, (1897),	\$ 2 33
There is also due from the town of Marl- boro, tuition,	20 25
There is also due from L. J. Fowler, for lumber,	2 25

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## Outstanding Claims.

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### SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

1 order, 1892,	\$ 103 67
2 “ 1895, amounting to	600 00
2 “ 1896, “ “	1098 00
6 “ 1897, “ “	1117 03
12 “ 1898, “ “	252 15
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	\$3170 85

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

2 orders, 1896, amounting to	\$ 3 15
3    "    1897,        "        "	9 30
11   "    1898,        "        "	73 44
	<hr/> \$ 85 89

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## SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS

6 orders, 1896, amounting to	\$157 84
1    "    1897,        "        "	55 00
4    "    1898,        "        "	90 75
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## OVERSEER POOR ORDER

1 order, 1898, amounting to	\$ 25 00
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Unsettled claims, estimated,	125 00
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Interest on outstanding orders estimated at	\$ 125 00
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Total;	\$3,835 33
Available resources,	1108 73

Actual indebtedness of the town,	\$2,726 60
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Number of orders drawn by selectmen, 59, amounting to	\$2574 02
Number of orders drawn by road commis- sioner, 149, amounting to	1464 14
Number of orders drawn by school directors, 72, amounting to	1863 66
Number of orders drawn by overseer of poor, 15, amounting to	267 45
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	\$6069 27

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### Miscellaneous Expenses.

Printing reports and express (1897),	\$ 28 00
County tax,	21 29
State school tax,	106 46
“ highway tax,	106 46
Interest to Wilmington Savings Bank,	30 00
Mrs. Nettie C. Weeks, cash,	500 00
L. B. Hall estate, cash,	200 00
State tax,	210 06
Milton Powers, driving and care of hearse,	19 50
Interest, 1897, money borrowed of Almon Ballou estate, \$1000.00,	60 00
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	\$1281 77
Interest not otherwise mentioned has been paid on small orders to the amount of	40 95

## Town Officers.

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## SELECTMEN.

O. J. Hale,	\$ 8.00	
F. B. Stone,	22.50	
W. De Wolf,	14.75	
	—	\$ 45 25

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## LISTERS.

D. E. Tucker,	22.00	
E. O. Preston,	13.00	
John Galvin,	14.25	
	—	49 25

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## SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

E. F. Evans,	16.50	
S. B. Worden,	14.25	
C. F. Griffin,	18.50	
	—	49 25

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## ROAD COMMISSIONER.

A. A. Fairbanks,	131 80
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**OVERSEER OF POOR.**

H. B. Brown,

\$ 11 00

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**GRAND JUROR.**

E. S. Cook,

2 00

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**TOWN TREASURER.**

M. Weeks,

10 00

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**TOWN CLERK.**

M. Weeks,

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**AUDITORS.**

R. J. Phillips,

7.50

W. S. Brown,

6.00

Frank Worden,

7.50

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\$336 63

## Orders Drawn by Overseer of the Poor.

NO.		
21	O. F. Gates, keeping J. Ellsworth,	\$24 00
22	“ “ “	20 00
23	O. P. Hubbard “ D. Morgan,	25 00
24	H. B. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Kenney,	7 50
25	D. G. Taylor, casket and burial of J. Ellsworth,	25 00
26	State Asylum, casket and robe for P. W. Potter,	11 00
27	E. G. Woodard, keeping Fred Davis,	8 75
28	O. P. Hubbard, care of D. Morgan,	25 00
29	H. B. Brown, provisions for Dunakin family,	6 20
30	H. B. Brown, provisions for Dunakin family,	3 50
31	O. B. Hescocock, care of D. Morgan,	25 00
32	J. I. Peterson, medical attendance for Dunakin family,	28 00
33	P. Crosier, flour and provisions for Dunakin family, \$6.00; digging grave for J. Ellsworth, \$3.00,	9 00
34	O. P. Hubbard, keeping D. Morgan,	25 00
35	Dr. Johnson, for medical attendance for Sheldon family,	25 00
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		\$267 45

## Bridges.

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### BRIDGE NEAR A. F. WORDEN'S

O. P. Hubbard, lumber and labor,	\$25 00	
F. B. Stone, 5 ½ days labor,	8 25	
2 ½ days with team,	7 50	
	————	\$40 75

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### GREEN RIVER BRIDGE

Geo. A. Chase, Jr., for plank,	\$13 00
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### SEYMOUR HARRIS BRIDGE

Joel I. Davis, 10 days labor, @ \$1.50,	\$15 00	
D. D. Pratt, 8 " 4 hrs, "	12 60	
H. E. Learnard, 25 ½ days,	38 25	
Fred May, 11 "	16 50	
J. Cassius Winn, 11 "	16 50	
D. D. Pratt, boarding bridge,	5 50	
A. S. Gallup, work and tools,	45 00	
C. H. Higley, lumber and labor,	7 30	
Seymour Harris, labor, stone and land damage,	15 00	
Stone & Clark, 12 hours labor @ \$1.50,	1 80	
2789 feet timber and plank,	25 75	
L. W. Sumner, 5 days labor @ \$2.00	10 00	
L. A. Sumner, 4 " " 1.50	6 00	
W. E. Clark, blacksmithing,	6 57	
F. B. Stone, labor, 12 days @ 1.50	18 00	
" " " with team,	2 85	
" " cash paid out,	2 80	
" " 3383 ft. lumber,	29 97	
" " bolts and washers,	1 79	
W. DeWolf, 3 days labor, @ \$1.50,	4 50	
	————	\$281 68



### MISCELLANEOUS BRIDGES\*

L. W. Sumner, labor on Houghton bridge, 3 1/2 days @ \$2.00	\$7 00
L. W. Sumner, 876 shingles,	1 75
“ “ drawing lumber,	25
A. A. Hill, labor, 35 hrs. @ \$1.50,	5 25
Geo. L. Clark nails, etc.,	2 42
	<hr/> \$ 16 67
C. H. Phelps, labor and timber on bridge,	6 15
O. J. Hale, timber on bridge,	6 75
W. B. Warren, labor on bridge,	2 85
W. A. Dennison, repairing bridge,	9 00
E. F. Evans, 96 ft. plank,	96
W. DeWolf, labor on bridge,	1 50
Stone & Clark, 2818 ft. plank,	22 53
L. W. Sumner, 323 “ “	2 58
F. B. Stone, 2161 ft. lumber for bridges,	19 75
“ “ labor on bridges,	6 30
Geo. P. Worden, lumber and labor on bridge,	1 50
E. S. Cook, drawing and putting plank on bridge,	2 00
	<hr/> \$433 97

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### CHASE ROAD

Geo. A. Chase, Jr., building road from Green River to Frank Chase's,	284 70
Edson Gates, damage to timber when build- ing road,	5 40
O. J. Hale, wire for fence on new road,	9 70
	<hr/> \$299 80

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Frank Kingsley, laying wall and clearing river  
near E. Gates' mill, \$30 00

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### Orders Drawn by Selectmen.

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No.		
64	A. A. Fairbanks as road commissioner, '96,	\$160 00
65	L. W. Sumner, selectman, making check- list, tax bill, cash,	24 25
66	M. Weeks for making and sending school reports to sec. of state, books, attend- ing town meetings, recording births and deaths and keeping books,	27 33
67	R. J. Phillips, auditor,	7 50
68	Frank Worden, auditor,	6 00
69	M. Powers, care and driving hearse,	1 50
70	E. L. Hildreth, printing reports,	28 00
1	Frank Worden, interest on order given in 1896,	60 00
2	Frank Worden, adm., cash borrowed,	200 00
3	O. P. Hubbard, lumber and labor,	25 00
4	County treasurer, county tax,	21 29
5	State treasurer, state school tax,	106 46
6	State treasurer, state highway tax,	106 46
7	Wilmington Savings bank, interest on order,	15 00
8	George Chase, plank and labor,	13 00
9	J. I. Davis, labor on bridge,	15 00

NO.

10	D. D. Pratt, labor on bridge,	\$ 12 60
11	H. E. Learnard, labor on bridge,	38 25
12	Fred May, " " "	16 50
13	J. Cassius Winn, " " "	16 50
14	Geo. Chase, Jr., building new road, 146 rods @ \$1.95 per rod,	284 70
16	D. D. Pratt, board bridge,	5 50
16	A. S. Gallup, labor,	45 00
17	Nettie C. Weeks, cash borrowed,	500 00
18	H. F. Field, state tax,	210 06
19	Stone & Clark, plank, timber and labor,	50 08
20	M. Powers, driving hearse,	19 50
21	G. L. Clark, nails and wire, last year,	2 42
22	C. H. Phelps, work and timber,	6 15
23	F. Kingsley, cutting brush and labor,	30 00
24	L. W. Sumner, work and lumber,	27 58
25	D. E. Tucker, lister,	22 00
26	A. A. Hill, work,	5 25
27	Edson Gates, damage,	5 40
28	I. L. Hall, dog damage last year,	3 00
29	O. J. Hale, labor, lumber and cash,	25 05
30	Geo. P. Worden, labor and lumber,	1 50
31	W. A. Dennison, repairing bridge,	9 00
32	Chas. Higley, plank and labor,	7 30
33	E. F. Evans, plank,	96
34	E. O. Preston, lister,	13 00
35	F. B. Stone, labor, lumber and cash,	106 36
36	W. B. Warren, labor,	2 85
37	W. E. Clark, blacksmithing,	6 57
38	E. S. Cook, planking bridge,	2 00
39	S. Harris, labor, damage and stone,	15 00
40	Wilmington Savings Bank, interest,	15 00
41	Chas. Higley, dog damage,	6 00
42	Geo. P. Worden, dog damage,	3 00

NO.		
43	W. DeWolf, app. dog damage,	\$ 1 25
44	W. DeWolf, as selectman,	20 75
45	John Galvin, lister,	14 25
46	E. F. Evans, school director,	16 50
47	S. B. Worden, " "	14 25
48	E. F. Evans, civil authority,	1 50
49	A. A. Fairbanks, services as road commis- sioner,	131 80
50	No order drawn	
51	H. B. Brown, services overseer poor,	11 00
52	F. B. Stone, services as selectman,	13 35
53	C. F. Griffin, services as school director and cash paid out,	18 50
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Justice bill of cost, State vs. J. N. Plumb,	\$7 75
" " " " H. Grover and B.	
Chase,	10 43

Above justice bills were recorded as selectmen's orders.

## Road Commissioner's Report.

	DAYS.	H'RS.	
Seymour Harris,	4	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	\$ 6 20
C. H. Higley,	7		10 50
J. I. Davis,		5	75
C. H. Worden,	1		1 50
E. O. Preston,	5	4	8 10
“ “ team,	2		3 00
John Farnum,	1		1 50
O. B. Dix,	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 92
“ “ team,		6 $\frac{1}{2}$	98
W. E. French,	2	7	4 05
“ “ team,	2		3 00
L. L. French,	3	1	4 65
“ “ team,		6	90
G. A. Barber,	1	5	2 25
“ “ team,	1	5	2 25
C. C. Bell,	1	5	2 25
“ “ team,	1	5	2 25
F. L. Brigham,	1	4	2 10
L. J. Brown,	3	6	5 40
“ “ plank,			25
H. A. Legate,	2		3 00
C. S. DeWolf, lumber,			1 00
F. M. Legate,	2	4	3 60
R. J. Legate,	1		1 50
P. H. Worden,	3	6	5 40
W. A. Dennison,	3	4	5 10
“ “ team,		7	1 05
“ “ railing,			2 25
E. B. Green,	2		3 00
“ “ team,	1		1 50
S. B. Worden,	1	3 $\frac{1}{3}$	2 00
C. E. Prouty,	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 38

	DAYS.	HRS.	
C. E. Prouty, team,	1		\$ 1 50
E. M. Goodenough,	13	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	20 05
“ “ team,	13	7	20 55
A. K. Powers,	11		16 50
C. H. Learnard,	5		7 50
H. A. “	5		7 50
Thos. Bottomley,	2		3 00
E. P. Green,	1		1 50
F. H. Niles,	2		3 00
Myron Crosier,	2	5	3 75
“ “ team,	2		3 00
W. E. Thurber,	6	8	10 20
“ “ team,	1	7 $\frac{2}{3}$	2 65
O. L. Pike,	1	3	1 95
E. S. Cook,	8	5	12 75
“ “ team,	2	4	3 60
R. J. Phillips,	10	8	16 20
“ “ plank,			70
W. W. Winn,	1		1 50
F. A. May,	10	2	15 30
C. M. Farnum,	1		1 50
“ “ team,		5	75
W. H. Holmes,	2		3 00
J. C. Winn,	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 53
H. B. Brown,	7		10 50
G. C. Hicks,	5		7 50
“ “ team,	3		4 50
Ed. Niles,	2		3 00
“ “ team,	2		3 00
I. L. Hall,	5		7 50
O. P. Hubbard,	4		6 00
H. E. Learnard,	4	3 $\frac{1}{3}$	6 50
“ “ team,	1		1 50
W. B. Warren,	10	6 $\frac{1}{3}$	15 95

	DAYS.	HRS.	
W. B. Warren, team,	7		\$ 10 50
Frank Chase,	2		3 00
“ “ team,	2		3 00
Walter Weatherhead,	2		3 00
Francis Kingsley,	10		15 00
Fred Chase,	3		4 50
D. E. Tucker,	2		3 00
F. O. Hill,	7		10 50
Chas. F. Clark,	4	4	6 60
“ “ team,	2		3 00
P. E. Crosier,		8	1 20
L. J. Fowler,	7	7 $\frac{1}{3}$	11 60
“ “ team,	4	1	6 15
“ “ plank,			80
“ “ damage to plow,			3 00
Geo. P. Worden,	3	6	5 40
Chas. Thompson,	4		6 00
F. E. Carpenter,	2		3 00
Ed. Guile,	1		1 50
Hiram Fuller,	9	8 $\frac{1}{3}$	14 75
Chas. Martin,		5	75
Addison Eames,	1	5	2 25
Walter Canedy,	3	5	5 25
“ “ team,	2		3 00
Ira Larrabee,	3		4 50
“ “ team,		5	75
W. W. Burnett,	2		3 00
A. J. Kenney,	8	9	13 35
“ “ team,		4	60
Arthur Perry,	4		6 00
H. Weatherhead,	3		4 50
W. H. Houghton,	10	5	15 75
“ “ team,	3	2 $\frac{2}{3}$	4 90
“ “ dynamite,			30



	DAYS.	HRS.	
O. F. Wilson,	8	9	\$13 35
“ “ team,	4		6 00
Ed. Thayer,	4		6 00
Elroy Kenney,	6	8	10 20
“ “		8	1 20
Chas. Whipple,	4		6 00
L. E. Ormsby,	2	9	4 35
Emory Whitney,	12		18 00
C. E. Thurber,	4		6 00
“ “ team,	2		3 00
I. H. Worden,	6		9 00
“ “ “	3		4 50
C. H. Phelps,	10		15 00
“ “ “	1		1 50
W. C. Phelps,	2		3 00
B. F. Roberts,	4	3	6 45
“ “ team,		5	75
“ “ nails,			25
Joseph Worden,	3	6 $\frac{2}{3}$	5 50
C. F. Griffin,	3	8	5 70
E. F. Evans,	3	8	5 70
“ “ team,		2	30
“ “ railing,			50
B. G. Worden,	2	2	3 30
“ railing,			70
O. J. Hale,	3	5	5 25
H. L. Nichols,	2		3 00
“ “ team,	1	3	1 95
A. J. Bolster,	2		3 00
W. C. Niles,	2	9	4 35
F. P. Prouty,	4	6 $\frac{2}{3}$	7 00
“ “	3		4 50
John Galvin,	6	5	9 75
“ “	7	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 13

	DAYS.	HOURS.	
Frank Upton,		9½	\$ 5 93
Eber Sumner,	1	5	2 25
E. G. Woodard,	1	9	2 85
N. H. Shepardson,	1		1 50
Ralph Harris,	6	6	9 90
Ernest Covey,	3		4 50
Henry Griffin,	5	2½	7 87
Chas. Baxter,	2	4	3 60
“ “	3	6	5 40
Henry Ryder,	2	7½	4 13
Will Hubbard,		5	75
“ “ team,		5	75
Elmer Prouty,	19		28 50
“ “ team,	5	5	8 25
Ed. Bellows,	5		7 50
W. W. Whitney,	8		12 00
“ “ team,			7 25
“ “ plank,			2 25
A. E. Covey,	6	6⅔	10 00
O. F. Gates,	5	7	8 55
Wendell Davis,	1	2	1 80
D. M. Gates,		3⅓	50
Alice Stowe,	3		4 50
“ “ team,			1 50
D. D. Barnes,		10 1-5	1 53
Derrick Harris,	29	1	43 65
“ “ team,	27	2½	54 38
A. A. Fairbanks, as Road Commissioner on town roads,	49	1	98 20
A. A. Fairbanks, team on grader,	28		56 00
“ “ “ roads,	13	2	19 80
“ “ hired man,	2		3 00
“ “ cash for book,			50
“ “ nails,			25
“ “ repairs on grader,			50

\$10.00 of \$131.80 of the road commissioner's services were presented to the town by L. C. Houghton.

# EXPENDITURE OF STATE TAX ON GREEN RIVER ROAD.

	DAYS	HOURS	
A. A. Fairbanks,	9		\$ 18 00
“ “ team,	7		10 50
E. M. Goodenough,	6	5	9 75
“ “ team,	6	5	9 75
W. B. Warren,	14	3	21 45
“ “ “	7	6½	11 47
Chas. Thurber,	13	4	20 10
“ “ team,	6	7	10 05
Elmer Prouty,	15	5	23 25
“ “ team,	6		9 00
Frank Chase,	7	7½	11 63
“ “ team,	7	7½	11 63
Francis Kingsley,	11		16 50
“ “ team,	8		12 00
“ “ gravel,			6 50
Orrin Kingsley,	7	5	11 25
Elroy Kenney,	9		13 50
A. J. Kenney,	14	3	21 45
W. H. Houghton,	7		10 50
Fred Chase,	8		12 00
Chas. Whipple,	7		10 50
Ed Bellows,	5	5	8 25
Chas. H. Shepardson, gravel,			5 00
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			\$294 03

## ON ROAD NEAR SEYMOUR HARRIS'.

	DAYS	HOURS	
A. A. Fairbanks,	7	8	\$15 60
“ “ team,	7	6	11 40
H. E. Learnard,	6	2	9 30

	DAYS.	HRS.	
H. E. Learnard, team,	6		\$ 9 00
E. M. Goodenough,	6	2	9 30
“ “ team,	5	6	8 40
Derrick Harris,	5	5	8 25
“ “ team,	5	5	8 25
C. F. Clark,	8	5	12 75
“ “ team,	5	5	8 25
J. I. Davis,	6	2	9 30
John Galvin,	6		9 00
W. V. Stanclift,	3	5	5 25
John Farnum,	7	6	11 40
H. A. Learnard,	6		9 00
O. F. Gates,	7	4½	11 18
D. M. Gates,		3½	50
F. O. Hill,	3		4 50
Walter W. Winn,	1		1 50
L. A. Sumner,	4	2	6 30
“ “ team,	4	2	6 30
F. A. May,	7	5	11 25
Wendell Davis,		6	90
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			\$186 88

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# CROSIER HILL ROAD.

	DAYS.	H'RS	
E. M. Goodenough,	1	3⅓	\$2 00
“ “ team,	1		1 50
A. K. Powers,	2		3 00
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			\$6 50
Total,			\$487 41

## Dog Fund Account.

Number of male dogs licensed, 56,		
@ \$1.00,	\$56.00	
Number of female dogs licensed, 1,	4.00	
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Paid town clerk, 57 license fees,	5.70	
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I. L. Hall, damage done by dogs,	3.00	
C. H. Higley, " " " "	6.00	
G. P. Worden, damage done by dogs,	3.00	
W. DeWolf, appraising damage,	1.25	
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Balance,		\$41 05

## Summary of Current Expenses.

Town officers,	\$ 336 63
Support of poor,	267 45
Bridges,	433 97
Highways,	1464 14
Dog damages,	13 25
Chase road,	299 80
Building dyke near E. Gates' mill,	30 00
Schools and repairing,	1863 66
Miscellaneous expenses,	1081 77
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	\$5790 67

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We estimate the expense of the town for the coming year to be about as follows:—

Poor,	\$ 250 00
Bridges,	300 00

Town officers,	350 00
Schools,	1900 00
Highways,	1500 00
State taxes and incidentals,	600 00
Present indebtedness,	2726 60
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	\$7526 60

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The available resources will be :—

State highway tax, about	\$ 500 00
“ school tax,	350 00
Huntington fund,	26 75
Rent of school lands,	48 85
Resources of the treasury,	1083 93
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	\$2009 53

Leaving a balance to be provided for by taxation, of	\$5517 07
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Halifax, Vt., Feb. 14, 1898.

We have this day audited the books of the different town officers and believe them to be correct.

Auditors	{	R. J. PHILLIPS,
		W. S. BROWN,
		FRANK WORDEN.

## School Directors' Report.

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The School Directors of the town of Halifax respectfully submit the following brief report of their work in conducting the schools of Halifax the past year :—

There have been nine schools maintained of twenty-eight weeks each the past year, at a cost of \$1,863.66, and with few exceptions, taught by competent and successful teachers, bringing the standard of our schools fully up to an average with the past.

The following districts were consolidated, making quite a saving in school expenses: Districts Nos. 4 and 5, Nos. 10, 11 and Nos. 7 and 13. Taking into consideration the financial condition of the town, consolidation should be adopted as far as practicable the coming year.

Repairs have been made on the schoolhouses in districts No. 5, 8 and 11, at a cost of \$74.31 and there remains more to be done on Nos. 5 and 8 the coming year to make them suitable for winter terms of school. Only what repairs have been made as were absolutely necessary, but we deem it advisable and good economy to keep the school buildings from running down.

Schoolbooks and school supplies have been furnished at a cost of \$51.22 and comparatively few will be needed the coming year.

We estimate the amount required for school purposes the coming year as follows :—

For schools,	\$1800 00
Repairs,	125 00
Books and stationery,	25 00
Insurance and incidentals,	50 00
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	\$2000 00

C. F. GRIFFIN, }  
 E. F. EVANS, } School Directors.  
 S. B. WORDEN, }



## Current Expenses for the Year 1897-98

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### DISTRICT NO. 1

O. Frank Stetson, teaching and board, 28 weeks,	\$154 00
Aaron Clark, 4 cords stove wood,	5 00
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	\$159 00

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### DISTRICT NO. 2

Eunice Vail, teaching and board 10 weeks,	\$60 00
Helen Peterson, " " " 8 "	48 00
Gertrude Scudder, teaching 10 weeks,	45 00
Arthur Stone, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	15 00
Oscar Hubbard, 3 cords stove wood,	3 75
Broom,	25
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	\$172 00

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### DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 5

Edith M. Evans, teaching and board 28 weeks,	\$168 00
B. E. Clark, conveying scholars from No. 4 to 5, 16 weeks,	48 00
Harold Prouty, conveying scholars from No. 4 to 5, 12 weeks,	36 00
P. H. Worden, work and material furnished,	3 75
George Chase, shingles,	3 50
E. F. Evans, work, broom and dust-pan,	1 85
D. S. Worden & Sons, work, lumber and cash expended,	12 15
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	\$273 25

## DISTRICT NO. 6

Elizabeth R. Halligan, teaching 10 weeks,	\$ 35 00
Córa M. Chase, teaching and board 18 weeks,	108 00
E. P. Green, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	20 00
Perley Crosier, 4 cords stove wood,	5 00
“ “ cleaning schoolhouse and re- pairs,	2 55
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	\$170 55

## DISTRICTS NOS. 7 AND 13

F. Herbert Worden, teaching and board 9 weeks,	\$54 00
Buell M. Robb, “ “ “ 10 “	60 00
Mrs. Musa Dalrymple, “ “ “ 9 “	63 00
Marshall Weeks, building fires 9 weeks,	1 00
Charles Baxter, conveying scholars from No. 13 to 7, 28 weeks,	65 00
F. Herbert Worden, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
Broom,	25
F. O. Hill, 6½ cords stove wood,	7 71
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	\$251 96

## DISTRICT NO. 8

Addie E. Potter, teaching and board 10 weeks,	\$ 50 00
F. Herbert Worden, “ “ “ 18 “	108 00
North River Manufacturing Co., lumber and windows,	15 40
J. M. Peebles, work on schoolhouse,	13 50
C. F. Griffin, 2 cords stove wood,	2 50
I. L. Hall, 4½ “ “ “	5 62
“ “ cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
Broom, dipper and dust-pan,	45
Paper, nails and stove-pipe,	3 33
C. F. Griffin, work, self and team,	3 75
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	\$203 55

## DISTRICT NO. 9

E. May Averill, teaching 10 weeks,	\$35 00
Bertha L. Fowler, teaching and board 11 weeks,	60 50
“ “ “ 7 weeks,	27 00
Addison Eames, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	20 00
“ “ “ “ 7 “	11 50
“ “ 3 cords stove wood and repairs,	4 00
Broom and dipper,	35
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	\$158 35

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## DISTRICTS NOS. 10 AND 11

Mary E. Follett, teaching 28 weeks,	\$126 00
C. E. Thurber, conveying scholars and board- ing teacher, 20 weeks,	71 44
C. E. Thurber, boarding and conveying teach- er 8 weeks,	16 00
Mary E. Follett, cleaning schoolhouse, stationery,	1 35
Otis Johnson, lumber, work and window,	17 53
W. H. Houghton, 5 cords stove-wood,	6 25
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	\$238 57

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## DISTRICT NO. 12

Mabel A. Goodnough, teaching 10 weeks,	\$37 50
Maude E. Whitney, “ 18 “	63 00
N. H. Spencer, boarding teacher 10 “	17 50
“ “ “ “ 18 “	36 00
“ “ 4 cords stove wood,	5 00
“ “ cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
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	\$160 00

### MISCELLANEOUS.

G. L. Clark, incidentals,	\$ 90
“ “ making school report to town,	6 00
Frank Worden, plans and specifications on No. 2, repairs No. 7,	4 00
E. F. Evans, making superintendent's report, and services, 1896-97,	7 00
E. F. Evans, cash paid for incidentals,	1 30
Schoolbooks and supplies,	51 22
C. F. Griffin, express on schoolbooks and tel- ephoning,	1 20
C. F. Griffin, order book,	45
S. B. Worden, postage, stationery and cash for incidentals,	4 36
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	\$76 43

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### SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Teachers' wages, including board,	\$1468 00
Conveying scholars,	190 44
Wood,	44 58
Cleaning schoolhouses,	6 00
Repairs and incidentals,	78 21
Miscellaneous expenses,	76 43
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Total expenditure for the year,	\$1863 66

Teachers.	Term.	Length of term.	Wages per week.	No. of pupils.		Average daily attendance.	Cost of Schools.	+No. pupils attending.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by others.
				Boys.	Girls.					
<b>NO. 1</b>										
Frank Stetson,	1	10	\$5 50	8	5	3	7.1	\$159 00	8	1 14
" "	2	11	5 50	8	6	2	6.5		2	6
" "	3	7	5 50	9	7	2	5.7		1	4
<b>NO. 2</b>										
Eunice Vail,	1	10	6 00	26	11	15	23.9	172 00	27	1 17
Helen Peterson,	2	8	6 00	24	12	12	21.4		1	12
Gertrude Scudder,	3	10	6 00	21	11	10	14.7		2	5
<b>NOS. 4 AND 5</b>										
Edith Evans,	1	10	6 00	7	3	4	6.7	273 25	8	0 12
" "	2	11	6 00	7	3	4	6.7		0	29
" "	3	7	6 00	8	3	5	5.8		0	6
<b>NO. 6</b>										
Elizabeth Halligan,	1	10	5 50	14	6	8	9.8	170 55	18	0 13
Cora Chase,	2	18	6 00	18	10	8	14.4		2	35
<b>NOS. 7 AND 13</b>										
F. Herbert Worden,	1	9	6 00	22	8	14	19.	251 96	25	0 1
Buell M. Robb,	2	10	6 00	19	9	10	15.7		2	1
Musa Dalrymple,	3	9	7 00	18	9	9	15.8		2	4
<b>NO. 8</b>										
Addie Potter,	1	10	5 00	9	5	4	7.5	203 55	12	1 1
F. Herbert Worden,	2	9	6 00	10	6	4	9.4		0	2
" "	3	9	6 00	11	7	4	10.3		0	1
<b>NO. 9</b>										
E. May Averill,	1	10	5 50	12	7	5	10.6	158 35	16	1 2
Bertha L. Fowler,	2	11	5 50	16	10	6	11.7		1	5
" "	3	7	5 50	8	4	4	5.9		2	2
<b>NOS. 10 AND 11</b>										
Mary E. Follett,	1	10	6 00	10	5	5	9.2	238 57	15	0 2
" "	2	10	6 00	14	6	8	10.4		1	3
" "	3	8	6 50	8	3	5	7.6		1	5
<b>NO. 12</b>										
Mabel Goodnough,	1	10	5 50	6	3	3	5.7	160 00	7	0 13
Maude E. Whitney,	2	12	5 50	8	5	3	7.2		0	13
" "	3	6	5 50	8	5	3	6.8		0	1
	26	252					*97.9		136 22	209

\*Average daily attendance for the town.

+School where first registered.

E. F. EVANS, Clerk of School Directors.

## Report of Superintendent of Schools.

*To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Halifax :*

I hereby submit my report of the condition and progress of the schools during the past year.

There have been nine schools of twenty eight weeks each, taught by sixteen different teachers. Whole number of pupils, 136; average attendance, 98. This is a loss of 15 pupils as compared with last year.

The attendance in most of the schools has been good, being a gain over last year, and I think over that of any previous year; but there is still plenty of room for improvement in this and also in the matter of pupils being at school on time. Tardiness is altogether too frequent, and usually is mostly a matter of indifference or carelessness. Unsteady attendance and tardiness tend more toward retarding the interest in school work than almost anything else. I think it might be well to have all teachers require a written excuse for all absences, especially from those from whom the law requires continuous attendance for twenty eight weeks each year. It should be considered a part of good discipline that each pupil understand that nothing but serious illness or some unavoidable circumstance be a sufficient excuse for absence from school.

No. 9 made the best gain in attendance, No. 2 coming second and No. 1, third. Every school except No. 6 either made a gain, or at least held its own.

I have made twenty-two visits as superintendent and usually have found teachers and pupils doing good work. While some teachers have not been as successful as could be wished, I think the schools have been at least equal to those of any previous year within my knowledge. Three teachers have been retained in the same schools during the year. Without reflecting on the good work done by other teacher in their schools, I think it would be very much to the advantage of the schools if the same teachers could be retained in Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

Parents fail in not visiting the schools more. If they would only visit them several times each year and endeavor to ascertain just how and what their children are doing I think there would be found more to com-



mend and much less to criticise in their schools than there now is, to say nothing of the encouragement it would give to both teacher and pupil.

During the past year schools No. 2, 4 and 5 and 6, have unfurled new flags and it is hoped that others will be added during the coming year until each school shall have the stars and stripes waving above it. I am glad to note the increased interest taken by the schools in Memorial day exercises.

The text-books, generally, have been well cared for and are in good condition considering the length of time they have been in use. This is especially noticeable with the books in No. 8. When the free text-book law came in force in 1895, no selection was made for the higher grade of geographies and only twelve new books were purchased, but as pupils advanced in that study the need of more books became imperative and the Board selected the "Rand, McNally Grammar School Geography" in the place of the one in use.

I was not in favor of the vertical system of handwriting, but it has succeeded beyond my expectations, and teachers and pupils have taken an increased interest in writing and there has been a marked improvement in that branch.

In several schools I have found a lack of slates and I think it might be well for the town to furnish a very cheap grade of paper for ciphering and other number-work; also plain paper for drawing and a fair quality of paper for language-work. As no reading-book above the fourth reader has yet been selected, I think it would be best to furnish a few fifth readers for the more advanced pupils.

The law of the state requires that all pupils be instructed in the geography, history and civil government of Vermont, yet I find such instruction almost entirely absent in nearly all the schools, although each school is furnished with Conant's Vermont, for that purpose.

During the year, permits were granted to Miss Elizabeth Halligan of Shelburne Falls and Miss Helen A. Peterson of Colerain. Respectfully,

F. HERBERT WORDEN,

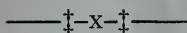
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# Annual Town Meeting.



The inhabitants of the town of Halifax who are legal voters in town meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the usual place of holding town meetings on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following propositions viz.—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in town meetings.

2. To choose town officers for the year ensuing.

3. To choose two school directors, one for two years and one for three years.

4. To choose grand and petit jurors to attend county court.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money, and how much, to defray the expenses of the town and for other purposes.

6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any money for Charles P. Clark Post G. A. R. for a proper observance of Memorial Day.

7. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

O. J. HALE,	}	Selectmen of Halifax.
F. B. STONE,		
W. DEWOLF,		

Halifax, Vt., Feb 16, 1898.





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